

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Priority Application Serial No. 09/496,318
 Priority Filing Date February 1, 2000
 Inventor Zintel et al.
 Applicant Microsoft Corporation
 Priority Group Art Unit. 2755
 Priority Examiner
 Attorney's Docket No. MS1-740US
 Title: XML-Based Language Description For Controlled Devices

1C821 U.S. PRO
09/811236

03/16/01

CONTINUATION PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

To: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks,
Washington, D.C. 20231

From: Lewis C. Lee (Tel. 509-324-9256; Fax 509-323-8979)
Lee & Hayes, PLLC
421 W. Riverside Avenue, Suite 500
Spokane, WA 99201

The following enumerated items accompany this transmittal letter and are being submitted for the matter identified in the above caption.

1. Transmittal Letter with Certificate of Mailing included.
2. PTO Return Postcard Receipt
3. Request for Continuation Application Under 37 C.F.R. 1.53 (b)
4. True copy of the prior application as filed including the specification (121 pages, claims 1-24 & Abstract) and 48 sheets drawings (Figs. 1-51)
5. Preliminary Amendment

Large Entity Status [x] Small Entity Status []

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of fees or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 12-0769 in connection with any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17; and any additional filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims.

Date: March 16, 2001

By: Lewis C. Lee

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that the items listed above as enclosed are being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as either first class mail, or Express Mail if the blank for Express Mail No. is completed below, in an envelope addressed to The Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the below-indicated date. Any Express Mail No. has also been marked on the listed items.

Express Mail No. (if applicable) EL764085688

Date: March 16, 2001

By: Cheryl K. Boies
Cheryl K. Boies